

REMARKS

Claims 1, 11, 21-27 and 29-39 are pending in this application. Applicant has amended Claim 39. Applicant submits that the amendment to Claim 39 does not contain new matter.

Based on the foregoing amendments and the following Remarks, the application is deemed to be in condition for allowance and action to that end is respectfully requested.

I. THE 35 U.S.C. §103 REJECTIONS:

The Examiner asserts that Claims 1, 11, 21-26, 28 and 31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kirkevold, et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,263,322 (Kirkevold) in view of Razavi, et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,362,730 (Razavi). The Examiner also asserts that Claim 27 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kirkevold and Razavi and further in view of Neely, et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,602,127 (Neely). The Examiner also asserts that Claim 29 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kirkevold and Razavi and further in view of Rother, U.S. Patent No. 6,141,608 (Rother). The Examiner also asserts that Claim 30 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kirkevold and

Razavi and further in view of Diaz, et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,356,822 (Diaz). The Examiner further asserts that Claims 32 and 33 "are method claims corresponding to apparatus claims 23, and 25 above" and are rejected for the "same rationales set forth as above". The Examiner further asserts that Claims 34-35 "are method claims corresponding to apparatus claims 26-27 above" and are rejected for the "same rationales set forth as above". The Examiner further asserts that Claim 36 is a "method claim corresponding to apparatus claim 29 above" and is rejected for the "same rationales set forth as above". Lastly, the Examiner asserts that Claims 37-38 "are method claims corresponding to apparatus claim 30 above" and are rejected for the "same rationales set forth as above".

As noted above, Applicant has amended Claim 39. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendment to Claim 39 does not contain new matter.

Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner's rejection of pending Claims 1, 11, 21-27 and 29-39 is untenable. Applicant further respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by Claims 1, 11, 21-27 and 29-39, is patentable over the prior art.

IA. THE PRESENT INVENTION, AS DEFINED BY CLAIMS 1, 21-27, 29-30 AND 39, IS PATENTABLE OVER THE PRIOR ART:

Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by Claims 1, 21-27, 29-30 and 39, is patentable over the prior art. Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by independent Claim 1, is patentable over the prior art.

Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by independent Claim 1, is patentable over Kirkevold in view of Razavi. Applicant respectfully submits that Kirkevold, Razavi, and any combination of same, do not disclose or suggest the present invention, as defined by independent Claim 1. Applicant submits that Kirkevold, Razavi, and any combination of same, do not disclose or suggest an apparatus for providing vehicle information or vehicle maintenance information, comprising a memory device for storing at least one of vehicle diagnostic information, vehicle repair information, vehicle maintenance information, and vehicle servicing information, and a receiver for receiving a request for information regarding at least one of a vehicle problem, a vehicle malfunction, and a vehicle state of disrepair, regarding a vehicle, wherein the request for information is transmitted to the receiver from a communication device, wherein the communication device is located

at a location remote from the vehicle and remote from the apparatus, and further wherein the request for information is transmitted to the receiver on or over at least one of the Internet and the World Wide Web, all of which features are specifically recited features of independent Claim 1.

In particular, Applicant respectfully submits that Kirkevold, Razavi, and any combination of same, do not disclose or suggest a receiver for receiving a request for information regarding at least one of a vehicle problem, a vehicle malfunction, and a vehicle state of disrepair, regarding a vehicle, wherein the request for information is transmitted to the receiver from a communication device, wherein the communication device is located at a location remote from the vehicle and remote from the apparatus, and further wherein the request for information is transmitted to the receiver on or over at least one of the Internet and the World Wide Web.

Applicant further submits that Kirkevold, Razavi, and any combination of same, do not disclose or suggest a processing device, wherein the processing device is located at a location remote from the vehicle and remote from the communication device, wherein the processing device processes the request for information regarding at least one of a vehicle problem, a

vehicle malfunction, and a vehicle state of disrepair, utilizing the at least one of vehicle diagnostic information, vehicle repair information, vehicle maintenance information, and vehicle servicing information, wherein the processing device generates at least one of a diagnostic report, a repair report, a maintenance report, and a servicing report, in response to the request for information, and a transmitter for transmitting the at least one of a diagnostic report, a repair report, a maintenance report, and a servicing report, to the communication device, wherein the at least one of a diagnostic report, a repair report, a maintenance report, and a servicing report, is transmitted to the communication device on or over at least one of the Internet and the World Wide Web, all of which features are still other specifically recited features of independent Claim 1.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that Kirkevold, Razavi, and any combination of same, do not disclose or suggest many of the specifically recited features of independent Claim 1, which features are important and recited features of said independent Claim 1. In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by independent Claim 1, is patentable over Kirkevold in view of Razavi.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by independent Claim 1, is patentable over the prior art. Applicant further respectfully submits that Claims 21-27, 29-30 and 39, which claims depend either directly or indirectly from independent Claim 1, so as to include all of the limitations of independent Claim 1, are also patentable as said Claims 21-27, 29-30 and 39 depend from allowable subject matter.

Allowance of pending Claims 1, 21-27, 29-30 and 39 is, therefore, respectfully requested.

IB. THE PRESENT INVENTION, AS DEFINED BY CLAIMS 11 AND 31-38, IS PATENTABLE OVER THE PRIOR ART:

Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by Claims 11 and 31-38, is patentable over the prior art. Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by independent Claim 11, is patentable over the prior art.

Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by independent Claim 11, is patentable over Kirkevold in view of Razavi. Applicant respectfully submits that Kirkevold, Razavi, and any combination of same, do not disclose

or suggest a method for providing vehicle information or vehicle maintenance information, comprising storing at least one of vehicle diagnostic information, vehicle repair information, vehicle maintenance information, and vehicle servicing information, in a memory device, and receiving a request for information regarding at least one of a vehicle problem, a vehicle malfunction, and a vehicle state of disrepair, regarding a vehicle, wherein the information is received by a receiver, and further wherein the request for information is transmitted to the receiver from a communication device, wherein the communication device is located at a location remote from the vehicle and remote from the receiver, and further wherein the request for information is transmitted to the receiver on or over at least one of the Internet and the World Wide Web, all of which features are specifically recited features of independent Claim 11.

In particular, Applicant respectfully submits that Kirkevold, Razavi, and any combination of same, do not disclose or suggest receiving a request for information regarding at least one of a vehicle problem, a vehicle malfunction, and a vehicle state of disrepair, regarding a vehicle, wherein the information is received by a receiver, and further wherein the request for information is transmitted to the receiver from a communication device, wherein the communication device is located at a location

remote from the vehicle and remote from the receiver, and further wherein the request for information is transmitted to the receiver on or over at least one of the Internet and the World Wide Web.

Applicant further submits that Kirkevold, Razavi, and any combination of same, do not disclose or suggest processing the request for information regarding the at least one of a vehicle problem, a vehicle malfunction, and a vehicle state of disrepair, with a processing device utilizing the at least one of vehicle diagnostic information, vehicle repair information, vehicle maintenance information, and vehicle servicing information, wherein the processing device is located at a location remote from the vehicle and remote from the communication device, generating at least one of a diagnostic report, a repair report, a maintenance report, and a servicing report, with the processing device in response to the request for information, and transmitting the at least one of a diagnostic report, a repair report, a maintenance report, and a servicing report, to the communication device, wherein the at least one of a diagnostic report, a repair report, a maintenance report, and a servicing report, is transmitted to the communication device on or over at least one of the Internet and the World Wide Web, all of which

features are still other specifically recited features of independent Claim 11.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that Kirkevold, Razavi, and any combination of same, do not disclose or suggest many of the specifically recited features of independent Claim 11, which features are important and recited features of said independent Claim 11. In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by independent Claim 11, is patentable over Kirkevold in view of Razavi.

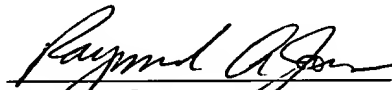
In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by independent Claim 11, is patentable over the prior art. Applicant further respectfully submits that Claims 31-38, which claims depend either directly or indirectly from independent Claim 11, so as to include all of the limitations of independent Claim 11, are also patentable as said Claims 31-38 depend from allowable subject matter.

Allowance of pending Claims 11 and 31-38 is, therefore, respectfully requested.

II. CONCLUSION:

In view of the foregoing, the application is deemed to be in condition for allowance and action to that end is respectfully requested. Allowance of pending Claims 1, 11, 21-27 and 29-39 is respectfully requested.

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